

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD  
REGION 14

AKAL SECURITY, INC.<sup>1</sup>

Employer

and

UNITED STATES COURT SECURITY OFFICERS

Petitioner

Case 14-RC-12722

**REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S  
DECISION AND DIRECTION OF ELECTION**

Upon a petition duly filed under Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, a hearing was held before a hearing officer of the National Labor Relations Board; hereinafter referred to as the Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3(b) of the Act, the Board has delegated its authority in this proceeding to the undersigned.

Upon the entire record in this proceeding, the undersigned finds:

1. The hearing officer's rulings made at the hearing are free from prejudicial error and are affirmed.
2. The Employer is engaged in commerce within the meaning of the Act and it will effectuate the purposes of the Act to assert jurisdiction in this case.<sup>2</sup>
3. The labor organizations involved claim to represent certain employees of the Employer.<sup>3</sup>
4. A question affecting commerce exists concerning the representation of certain employees of the Employer within the meaning of Section 9(c)(1) and Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.
5. The following employees of the Employer constitute a unit appropriate for the purpose of collective bargaining within the meaning of Section 9(b) of the Act:<sup>4</sup>

All full-time and regular part-time security officers performing guard duties as defined in Section 9(b)(3) of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, by AKAL Security Inc. with employees located at the Saint Louis, Missouri Federal Court Buildings, EXCLUDING all office clerical employees, professional employees, supervisors, as defined in the Act, as amended, and all other employees.

**DIRECTION OF ELECTION**

The National Labor Relations Board will conduct a secret ballot election among the employees in the unit found appropriate above. The employees will vote whether or not they wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by United States Court Security Officers or International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America (SPFPA) and its Amalgamated Local #259 or neither. The date, time, and place of the election will be specified in the notice of election that the Board's Regional Office will issue subsequent to this Decision.

**Voting Eligibility**

Eligible to vote in the election are those in the unit who were employed during the payroll period immediately prior to the date of this Decision, including employees who did not work during that period because they were ill, on vacation, or temporarily laid off. Employees engaged in any economic strike, who have retained their status as strikers and who have not been permanently replaced are also eligible to vote. In addition, in an economic strike, which commenced less than 12 months before the election date, employees engaged in such strike who have retained their status as strikers, but who have been permanently replaced, as well as their replacements, are eligible to vote. Those in the military service of the United States may vote if they appear in person at the polls.

Ineligible to vote are: (1) employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period; (2) striking employees who have been discharged for cause since the strike began and who have not been rehired or reinstated before the election date; and (3) employees who are engaged in an economic strike that began more than 12 months before the election date and who have been permanently replaced.

### **Employer to Submit List of Eligible Voters**

To ensure that all eligible voters may have the opportunity to be informed of the issues in the exercise of their statutory right to vote, all parties to the election should have access to a list of voters and their addresses, which may be used to communicate with them. *Excelsior Underwear, Inc.*, 156 NLRB 1236 (1966); *NLRB v. Wyman-Gordon Company*, 394 U.S. 759 (1969). Accordingly, it is hereby directed that within 7 days of the date of this Decision, the Employer must submit to the Regional Office an election eligibility list, containing the full names and addresses of all the eligible voters. *North Macon Health Care Facility*, 315 NLRB 359, 361 (1994). This list must be of sufficiently large type to be clearly legible. To speed both preliminary checking and the voting process, the names on the list should be alphabetized (overall or by department, etc.). Upon receipt of the list, I will make it available to all parties to the election. To be timely filed, the list must be received in the Regional Office, 1222 Spruce Street, Room 8.302, St. Louis, MO 63103, on or before **July 25, 2008**. No extension of time to file this list will be granted except in extraordinary circumstances, nor will the filing of a request for review affect the requirement to file this list. Failure to comply with this requirement will be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper objections are filed. The list may be submitted by facsimile transmission at (314) 539-7794 or by e-filing. Since the list will be made available to all parties to the election, please furnish a total of **three** copies, unless the list is submitted by facsimile or electronic mail, in which case no copies need be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Office.

### **Notice of Posting Obligations**

According to Section 103.20 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the Employer must post the Notices of Election provided by the Board in areas conspicuous to potential voters for a minimum of 3 days prior to the date of the election. Failure to follow the posting requirement may result in additional litigation if proper objections to the election are filed. Section 103.20(c) requires an employer to notify the Board at least 5 full working days prior to 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election if it has not received copies of the election notice. *Club Demonstration Services*, 317 NLRB 349 (1995). Failure to do so estops employers from filing objections based on nonposting of the election notice.

### **E-FILING**

In the Regional Office's initial correspondence, the parties were advised that the National Labor Relations Board has expanded the list of permissible documents that may be filed with its offices. If a party wishes to file one of the documents which may now be filed electronically, please refer to the Attachment supplied with the Regional Office's initial correspondence for guidance in doing so. Guidance for E-filing can also be found on the National Labor Relations Board website at [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov). On the home page of the website, select the **E-Gov** tab and click on **E-Filing**. Then select the NLRB office for which you wish to E-File your documents. Detailed E-filing instructions explaining how to file the documents electronically will be displayed.

### **RIGHT TO REQUEST REVIEW**

Under the provisions of Section 102.67 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, a request for review of this Decision may be filed with the National Labor Relations Board, addressed to the Executive Secretary, 1099 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20570-0001. This request must be received by the Board in Washington by 5 p.m. (EDT) on **August 1, 2008**. This request may not be filed by facsimile.

Dated July 18, 2008  
at St. Louis, Missouri

/s/ Mary J. Tobey

Mary J. Tobey, Acting Regional Director  
National Labor Relations Board, Region 14

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<sup>1</sup> The Employer did not appear at hearing. The Employer's name appears as set forth on its 2008 annual registration report with the Missouri Secretary of State.

<sup>2</sup> The Employer, a New Mexico corporation with its principal offices located in New Mexico, provides security services for the federal government at various locations throughout the United States. Evidence at hearing establishes that the Employer is engaged in commerce and I take notice that the Board has asserted jurisdiction over this Employer in numerous prior cases including Case 14-RC-12518, which resulted in the certification of the International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America as the representative of the unit on June 19, 2004.

<sup>3</sup> International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America (SPFPA) and its Amalgamated Local #259 is the currently recognized representative of the employees in the petitioned-for unit. The current representative is a party to this proceeding and its representative appeared at the hearing.

<sup>4</sup> The unit is appropriate. The unions stipulated that the unit is appropriate. The unit was certified in Case 14-RC-12518 and is the currently recognized unit. There are approximately 43 employees in the unit.